Proposal from Chhattisgarh for drinking water project in Raipur

2061. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for Rs. 58 crores in May-June, 2001 for drinking water project in Raipur (Chhattisgarh);

(b) whether the amount has not been sanctioned, so far, causing lot of hardship to the people of Raipur; and

(c) if so, by when this amount demanded by the State Government will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Water supply being a State subject, it is the responsibility of State Governments to plan, implement, operate and maintain water supply facilities and make adequate provision of funds for this purpose. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for providing water supply facilities in towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 Census), this Ministry is implementing a Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) wherein Central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50 matching basis. Since Raipur city is having population more than 20,000 as per 1991 Census, it cannot be considered under AUWSP. The State Government was advised to finance the project for Raipur City out of the funds provided by the Planning Commission under the State Plan and/or by taking loans from financial institutions like Life Insurance Corporation/Housing and Urban Development Corporation.

Link Road Project connecting Dwarka and South Delhi

2062. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to connect Dwarka with South Delhi through a Link Road Project, as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated the 5th June, 2002;

(b) the length of this road and by when it would be completed alongwith estimated cost of the project; and

(c) the colonies that would be connected en-route leading to South Delhi and the amount of traffic this new road is likely to handle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Development Authority has reported that they plan to construct a Link Road between NH-8 and Dwarka Sub-city. The total length of this link road would be about 7 Kms. out of this 1.7 Kms. length of existing road between NH-8 to Old Delhi-Gurgaon Road will be upgraded by PWD and the remaining 5.3 Kms. will be constructed by DDA. This road is planned to be completed by the end of the year 2003 at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 crores.

(c) The colonies that would get connected en-route to South Delhi will be Vasant Kunj, Saket, Mehrauli, Mahipalpur, Munirka and other colonies on the eastern side of NH-8. This road is designed for 6000-7000 Passenger Car Units (PCU) during the peak hour.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

2063. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to regularise unauthorised colonies in Delhi and a proposal to this effect is lying pending with Government;

(b) whether this new plan proposes to tackle the problem of unauthorised colonies once for all; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The Government has filed guidelines for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi in the High Court of Delhi in connection with a court case CWP No. 4771/1993-Common Cause (regd.) Society *Vs.* Union of India & Ors. Hon'ble Court has directed the Ministry to notify the list of colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. Accordingly, Government of NCT of Delhi has been requested to furnish the list of such colonies.